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### **ALIEN SMUGGLER SENTENCED**

**TUCSON, ARIZONA** –The United States Attorneys Office for the District of Arizona, announced that on May 2, 2003, Juan Carlos Farrera-Lopez, DOB February 6, 1978, of Huixtla, Ciapas, Mexico, was sentenced to 18 months in prison by United States District Judge Frank R. Zapata in Tucson, Arizona.

On September 6, 2002, Juan Carlos Farrera-Lopez, along with 48 other illegal aliens, was apprehended by United States Border Patrol agents at an illegal alien stash house located at 4002 South 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Tucson, Arizona. Juan Carlos Farrera-Lopez admitted to guiding undocumented aliens for an alien smuggling organization that brought in illegal aliens to the United States from the Republic of Mexico through the Southern Arizona desert on foot. The illegal aliens were forced to remain in the house at 4002 South 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue until payment could be secured via Western Union for their transport from Tucson to their various final destinations in the United States.

Juan Carlos Farrera-Lopez was one of eleven defendants originally charged in a 21-count indictment. On February 19, 2003, Juan Carlos Farrera-Lopez entered a plea of guilty to Bringing In Illegal Aliens in violation of Title 8 United States Code, sections 1324(a)(1)(A)(i) and 1324(a)(1)(B)(i).

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The investigation in this case is being conducted by Special Agents of the United States Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection.

The prosecution was handled by Jeffrey H. Jacobson, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

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